

**Minutes
EGPS BOARD of EDUCATION
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Virtual Meeting
October 6, 2022**

Welcome - All members were present: Amanda Cormier, Ricky Bortz, Lynn Landolina, and Robert Loomis. Also present: Marjorie Light, Dir. of Curriculum. Marjorie called the virtual meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

New Business

- **Connecticut State Department of Education Releases Reading Program List:**
The state finally released its list for the required science-based reading programs initiative. They are: American Reading Company – ARC Core; Amplify Education Inc. – Core Knowledge Language Arts; McGraw Hill Education – Wonders; Imagine Learning – EL Education Grades K-3 with Open Up Resources – EL Education; and Savvas Learning Company – myView Literacy. (Teachers College did not make the cut.)

Many districts across the state are upset with the decision and much pressure is being placed on the state to review and revise this list. One of the complaints is the short time frame to implement an expensive endeavor that requires program purchasing and training. The state may release funding to help districts and/or grant waivers for time extensions.

In the meantime, EGPS will begin our process of due diligence in examining and evaluating each program, while also exploring any grant possibilities or other options that would be best for our students and their needs.

Marjorie Light has a meeting with state representatives through the CREC Curriculum Council, with more meetings to follow. In addition, she is working closely with neighboring school districts to help support one another with any waivers, paperwork, and evaluations.

The current implementation deadline is the start of the 2023-2024 school year, but it is possible it could be delayed. For further detailed information, guidelines on how program choices were made, and a link to the Reading Leadership Implementation Council [CLICK HERE](#) for the CT Dept of Ed webpage for reading.

- Our district has requested to become a part of the *Science of Reading Masterclass* professional learning series sponsored by the CT Department of Education and the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). This is a professional learning series to “support the alignment and implementation of evidence-based reading strategies and practices aligned to the science of reading pursuant to Public Act No. 21-2 Sec. 395 J.S.S.” We hope to be one of the twelve districts selected for participation. We will know more after mid-October.

Old Business

- No old business was on the agenda.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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Minutes submitted by Marjorie Light

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